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SECT. I.

COMMON SEAL.

1. THE COMMON SEAL of the ROYAL COLLEGE of SURGEONS in LONDON, shall consist of the Armorial Bearings, Crest, Supporters, and Motto, of the College, as follows.—

ARMS.—Quarterly: Or and Argent, a Cross gules, (being that of Saint George) thereon the Imperial Crown, proper, between two Anchors erect, in Pale, and two Port Cullisses in Fess, of the First: in the first and fourth Quarters, a Serpent nowed; and in the second and third, a Lion couchant, guardant; proper: on a Chief of the third, a Lion passant,

guardant, of the first (being part of the Royal Arms of England.)

CREST.—On a Wreath, of the Colours, an Eagle regardant, imperially crowned, proper; the dexter Claw supporting a Mace, erect, Gold.

SUPPORTERS.—On the dexter Side a Figure, representing MACHAON, habited in a Robe, holding in his exterior Hand a Dart, broken, the Point downward; and on the sinister a Figure, representing PODALIRIUS, habited as the Dexter, in his exterior Hand a Staff entwined by a Serpent; all proper.

MOTTO.—*Quæ prosunt omnibus Artes.*

2. The Common Seal shall be in the Custody of the President, and Vice-Presidents.

3. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any Instrument; except in the

Presence of the President, or of one of the Vice-Presidents.

SECT. II.

MACE.

The Mace shall be borne by such Person, and employed upon such Occasions, as the Council may direct.

SECT. III.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. There shall be a Distinction, in the College, of "Honorary Member."

2. Honorary Members shall be excepted, in the Construction of every Bye-Law, and Ordinance, of the College.

SECT. IV.

HONORARY MEDAL.

1. There shall be an "Honorary Medal" of the College.

2. The Honorary Medal shall not be decreed to any Member of the Council.

SECT. V.

BYE-LAW.

The making, altering, or abrogating, any Bye-Law, shall be in the following Manner.—

A written Formula for any proposed Bye-Law, or for altering, or for abrogating, any existing Bye-Law, being delivered, by a Member of the Council, to the President, or Presiding Member, at any Meeting of the Council, shall, thereupon, be

read; and, if seconded, be taken into Consideration: the Council shall, then, decide, by Ballot, whether the said Formula shall be referred to a Committee; and, if a Majority be in Favour of such Reference, a Committee, of five Members of the Council, shall immediately be elected, by marking Lists; to whom the said Formula shall be referred. And such Committee shall, thereupon, take the said Formula into Consideration; and report their Opinion thereon to the next Meeting of the Council. At which next, or any succeeding Meeting, the Council, having considered the Report of the said Committee, shall ballot for the Acceptance, or the Rejection, of the said Formula: and, if the same be then approved and accepted, it shall be again referred to the said Committee; in Order that the Opinion of Counsel may be taken upon any Point

therein, if, in the Judgment of the said Council, or Committee, such Opinion be necessary. And the said Committee shall report to the next Meeting of the Council their Determination in the Matter, with the Opinion of Counsel, if any have been taken: and, if the said Formula be again approved by a Majority of the said Council, or of any succeeding Council, the same shall be ordained by such Council, signed by the Members present; and submitted to the proper legal Authorities, for their Sanction and Ratification.

SECT. VI.

ORDINANCE.

The making, altering, or rescinding, any Ordinance, shall be in the following Manner.—

A written Formula for any proposed Ordinance, or for altering, or for rescinding, any existing Ordinance, being delivered, by a Member of the Council, to the President, or Presiding Member, at any Meeting of the Council, shall, thereupon, be read; and, if seconded, shall be taken into Consideration: the Council shall, then, decide, by Ballot, whether the said Formula shall be referred to a Committee; and, if a Majority be in Favour of such Reference, a Committee, of five Members of the Council, shall immediately be elected, by marking Lists; to whom the said Formula shall be referred. And such Committee shall take the said Formula into Consideration; and report their Opinion thereon to the next Meeting of the Council. At which next, or any succeeding Meeting, the Council, having considered the Report of the said Com-

mittee, shall ballot for the Acceptance, or the Rejection of the said Formula: and, if the same be accepted, it shall be submitted to the next, or any succeeding Meeting of the Council, for Confirmation; and for the Signatures of the Members present at such Council.

SECT. VII.

ELECTION, and ADMISSION, of MEMBERS of the COUNCIL.

1. No Member of the College, whose professional Practice is not confined to Surgery, shall be elected a Member of the Council.

2. All Elections into the Council shall be by Ballot: and every Vacancy shall be filled at a Meeting of the Council;—to be holden at such Time as the Council,

at which the Vacancy has been declared, may have determined.

3. Every Person elected a Member of the Council, having had Notice of his Election, by Letter addressed to him, from the Secretary, or other Officer of the College, and delivered at his usual Place of Residence, shall, within one Calendar Month after the Delivery of such Notice, signify to the Secretary his Acceptance of the Office;—otherwise his Election shall be void.

4. Every Member of the Council shall, prior to his Admission, subscribe his Name to a Copy of the Bye-Laws, and of the Ordinances, in Testimony of having engaged himself to the Observance thereof; and, upon his Neglect or Refusal so to do, his Election shall be void.

5. Every Member of the Council shall, prior to his Admission, pay twenty Guineas.

SECT. VIII.

ABSENCE, or MISCONDUCT, of MEMBERS of the COUNCIL.

1. Should any Member of the Council be absent from more than four successive Quarterly Meetings, without Leave of the Council, he shall be liable to Removal therefrom; unless a Reason for such Absence, satisfactory to the Council, be assigned.

2. Any Member of the Council who shall not confine his professional Practice to Surgery, shall be liable to Removal from the Council.

3. Any Member of the Council who shall contemptuously disobey any Bye-Law, or Ordinance, of the College, shall be liable to Censure, or to Removal from the Council.

SECT. IX.

RESIGNATION of MEMBERS of the COUNCIL.

1. The Resignation of a Member of the Council shall not be effectual, until the Acceptance thereof, by the Council, at a Meeting, subsequent to that at which his Resignation was tendered.

2. Every Member of the Council, whose Resignation has been accepted, or who has been removed, shall, *ipso facto*, cease to be a Member of every Court, Board, and Committee, of which he shall have been elected a Member.

SECT. X.

MEETINGS of the COUNCIL.

1. A Meeting of the Council shall be holden upon the first Thursday in Janu-

ary, April, July, and October, in every Year; or within one Lunar Month after each of those Days.

2. The President may call a Meeting of the Council, whenever he shall judge the same to be necessary.

3. The President shall call a Meeting of the Council, upon a Requisition, in Writing, of seven, or more, Members of the Council.

4. Upon any Question under Discussion, in the Council, any three Members shall be authorized to demand a Ballot.

5. The Minute of every Resolution of the Council shall be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council for Confirmation; except that of Election, which shall be conclusive.

6. No Member of the Council shall

have a Vote upon any Question relating to himself.

7. Every Resolution of the Council, relating to Censure, or Removal, shall be submitted to the Council, at a Meeting specially to be holden for that Purpose; of which Meeting seven Days Notice, by Summons, shall be given to the Members of the Council.

8. Every Question, in the Council, relating to Censure, or Removal, shall be determined by Ballot.

SECT. XI.

ELECTION of EXAMINERS.

1. All Elections into the Court of Examiners shall be by Ballot: and every Vacancy in that Court shall be filled at a Meeting of the Council;—to be holden at such Time as the Council, at which

the Vacancy has been declared, may have determined.

2. Every Member of the Court, shall, upon his Admission, pay twenty Guineas.

SECT. XII.

ABSENCE of EXAMINERS.

Should a Member of the Court of Examiners be absent from that Court more than six successive Calendar Months, without assigning a Reason, satisfactory to the Court;—such Absence shall be reported to the Council, holden next after the Expiration of the said six Months;—and the Member so absenting himself, shall be liable to Removal, from the Council.

SECT. XIII.

RESIGNATION of EXAMINERS.

The Resignation of a Member of the Court of Examiners shall not be effectual, until the Acceptance thereof, by the Council, at a Meeting subsequent to that at which his Resignation was tendered.

SECT XIV.

MEETINGS of the COURT of EXAMINERS.

The Court of Examiners shall be authorized to hold such Courts, and to make such Adjournments, as may, by them, be judged expedient.

SECT. XV.

SPECIAL MEETINGS of the COURT of EXAMINERS.

1. The President,—or, in his Absence, the senior Vice-President,—or, in his Absence, also, the junior Vice-President,—may direct a Special Court of Examiners to be holden, on any Emergency.

2. Every Person upon whose Application and Account any such Court shall be holden,—And every other Person examined at such Court,—shall, severally, pay five Guineas;—and shall, also, upon being approved, pay the same Sum as if he had been examined, and approved, at a stated Court of Examiners.

SECT. XVI.

ADMISSION of MEMBERS.

1. No Person under twenty-two Years of Age, shall be admitted a Member of the College.

2. No Person shall be admitted to an Examination for the Diploma, without producing, to the Court of Examiners, satisfactory Evidence of his anatomical, and chirurgical Education.

3. The Diploma of the College shall be in the Form following;—or, in such other Form as the Council may, at any Time, judge proper:—

"Know all Men, by these Presents, That, We, the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, have deliberately examined, Mr. , and have found him

to be fit, and capable, to exercise the Art and Science of Surgery: We, therefore, admit him a Member of the College; and authorize him to practise the said Art and Science, accordingly. In Witness whereof, We have subscribed our Names, and have caused the Common Seal of the College to be affixed hereunto. Dated the Day of , in the Year of our Lord 18 ."

4. The Common Seal shall be affixed to the Diploma of every Member of the College.

5. The Diploma of every Member of the College, shall be signed by the Members of the Court of Examiners, present at the Time of his Examination, and Admission.

6. Every Person, prior to his being admitted a Member of the College, shall take the following Oath:—

"You swear, that, while a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, you will observe the Bye-Laws thereof: that you will obey every lawful Summons issued by Order of the Council, or Court of Examiners, of the said College; having no reasonable Excuse to the contrary: that you will demean yourself honourably in the Practice of your Profession; and, to the utmost of your Power, maintain the Dignity, and Welfare, of the College.—So HELP YOU GOD."

7. The Oath shall be administered in the Presence of the Court of Examiners.

8. Every Person, upon his Admission as a Member, shall subscribe his Name to a Copy of the Bye-Laws; in Testimony of having engaged himself to the Observance thereof.

9. Every Person examined, and approved, for the Diploma, shall, prior to his Admission, pay twenty Guineas; over and above all Charges of Stamps.

10. Every Person, who has obtained the Certificate of Qualification of principal Surgeon in any Service,—and who shall, afterwards, be admitted a Member of the College;—shall have the Amount of the Sum paid for such Certificate, allowed in the Sum required (§ 9,) to be paid by a Member prior to his Admission.

SECT. XVII.

VIOLATION of BYE-LAWS, relating to the ADMISSION of MEMBERS.

If, at any Time after the Admission of a Member, he shall be found to have violated

any Bye-Law of the College, relating to Candidates for the Diploma; or to have been guilty of any Fraud, false Statement, or Imposition, in any Matter required by the College; his Admission shall be wholly null and void.

SECT. XVIII.

RIGHTS of MEMBERS.

The College will, at all Times, protect and defend every Member, who may be disturbed in the Exercise and Enjoyment of the Rights, Privileges, Exemptions, and Immunities, acquired by him as a Member thereof.

SECT. XIX.

MEMBERS, and ARTICLED STUDENTS.

1. No Person under sixteen Years of Age shall be articled as a Student at

the College: nor shall any Person be articled for a shorter Period than six Years.

2. The Court of Examiners shall examine every Person, proposed to be an articled Student, as to his Proficiency in the Latin Language: and if, upon such Examination, he be approved, he shall, thereupon, be articled, before the Court, in the Form following: or in such other Form, as the Court of Examiners may, at any Time, judge proper:—

Articles of Agreement, of three Parts, indented, had, made, concluded, and agreed upon, this Day of , in the Year of the Reign of , and in the Year of our Lord, 18 ; between , of , a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, of the first Part; , of , of the second Part; and , of ,

of the third Part; as follows, that is to say:—

" The said , for and in Consideration of , of lawful Money of Great Britain, to him in Hand paid, by the said , at or before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge; [*where no Premium shall be paid, the nominal Consideration of* 5*s. shall be inserted*] and also, for and in Consideration of the Services of the said , to be done and performed for him, as hereinafter mentioned, doth for himself, his Executors and Administrators, hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said , his [*or her*] Executors and Administrators, that he the said , shall and will receive, accept, and take: and he doth hereby agree to receive, accept, and take, the said , to be an articled

Student of the Art and Science of Surgery of him the said , for the full Space and Term of six Years, to be computed from the Day of the Date of these Presents; if they the said , and , shall jointly so long live: And, also, shall and will, well and faithfully, according to the best of his Power, teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, him the said , in the Art and Science of Surgery.

" And the said , for himself, [*or herself*] his [*or her*] Executors and Administrators, and also for the said , and also for the said , for himself; do, and each of them doth, covenant, promise, and agree, to and with the said , his Executors and Administrators, by these presents, that he the said , shall and will, well and faithfully serve the said , during the whole of the said Term of six Years, to be computed as aforesaid: and

perform, obey, and observe, all and every his lawful Commands and Directions: and shall not, at any Time or Times, absent himself from the Service of the said , during the said Term, without his Licence and Consent: nor shall do, nor cause to be done, any Act or Thing, which can, shall, or may, be hurtful or prejudicial to the said , his Executors or Administrators, or any of his Patients or Employers: and that the said , shall not, nor will, either directly or indirectly, during any Part of the said Term of six Years practise Surgery on his own Account, or for his own Benefit.

"And, moreover, it is hereby mutually declared, and agreed, by and between the said Parties to these Presents, that the said , shall and will find and provide, or cause to be found and provided, for the said , good and sufficient Board, and Lodging,

during the said Term of Six Years: and the said , shall and will find and provide, or cause to be found and provided, for the said , during the said Term, good and sufficient wearing Apparel, of every Kind, suitable to his State and Condition; and all such Advice and Nursing, in Case of Sickness, as may be necessary.

" In Witness whereof, the said Parties have hereunto, severally, set their Hands, and Seals, the Day and Year first above written."

3. The President, or Presiding Vice-President, shall sign his Name to the executed Articles of Agreement.

4. Every Member of the College, on receiving an articled Student, as aforesaid, shall pay, or cause to be paid, ten Guineas, over and above all Charges of Stamps; which Sum shall be allowed in that required by the Bye-

Law, (Sect. XVI. § 9) on the Admission, at any Time, of such Student to be a Member of the College.

5. Upon the Death of any Member to whom a Student has been articled at the College, and the Term of whose Agreement has not expired; the Student, by and with the Consent of the Court of Examiners, may be transferred to another Member of the College for the Remainder of the said Term.

SECT. XX.

MISCONDUCT of MEMBERS.

1. No Member of the College shall advertise a secret Method or Process of Cure, relating to his Practice as a Surgeon; or put forth or publish, in whatever Way, any indecent Advertisement or Notification, relating to the said Practice: and any Member of the College who may, in any Manner, offend

herein, shall be liable to Removal, by the Council, from being a Member of the College: and every Member of the College who shall, thereupon, be removed as aforesaid, shall forfeit all his Rights and Privileges as a Member thereof.

2. No Member of the College shall advertise or publish any Matter or Thing prejudicial to the Interest or derogatory to the Honour of the College, or disgraceful to the Profession of Surgery: and any Member of the College, who may in any manner offend herein, shall be liable to Removal, by the Council, from being a Member of the College: and every Member of the College who shall, thereupon, be removed as aforesaid, shall forfeit all his Rights and Privileges as a Member thereof.

3. Should a Member of the College render himself, in the Judgment of the Council, disgraceful to the College, his

Name may be omitted in the printed Lists of the Members thereof.

SECT. XXI.

RESIGNATION, and RELEASE, of MEMBERS.

1. Any Member of the College desirous of ceasing to be a Member thereof, shall tender his resignation to the Council; and, upon the Acceptance of his Resignation, he shall pay ten Guineas, over and above all Charges of Stamps.

2. No Resignation shall be complete and valid until an Instrument, under the Seal of the College, declaratory thereof, be delivered to the Member resigning.

SECT. XXII.

TESTIMONIALS of QUALIFICATION.

No Person shall be admitted to an Examination for a Testimonial of Quali-

fication in any Service, without producing to the Court of Examiners satisfactory Evidence of his Professional Education.

SECT. XXIII.

CERTIFICATES of the DIPLOMA; and of TESTIMONIALS of QUALIFICATION.

1. A Certificate of the Diploma shall not be granted to, or for, any Person whomsoever, without the Authority of the Court of Examiners. Which Certificate shall be signed by the President and Vice-Presidents; and for which five Guineas shall be paid, over and above all Charges of Stamps.

2. The Court of Examiners may, also, direct a Certificate, signed by the Secre-

tary, of the Testimonial of Qualification obtained by any Person, to be sent to such public Office as may require the same.

SECT. XXIV.

TREASURERS.

The President and Vice-Presidents, for the Time being, shall be joint Treasurers of the College: and all Drafts upon the Banker of the College, shall be signed by two of them, at least.

SECT. XXV.

PROPERTY of the COLLEGE.

1. The Moneys belonging to the College, shall not be invested otherwise than upon government, or upon real, Security.

2. All Investments shall be made in the Name of the "Royal College of Surgeons in London."

3. All Moneys, the property of, or belonging to the College, shall be paid to the President, or, by his Order, or in his Absence, to one of the Vice-Presidents, by the Secretary, or any other Person holding, or having received, the same, as soon as such Payment can be made.

4. All Payments, Contributions, Forfeits, and Fines, shall be to the Use of the College.

SECT. XXVI.

BOARD of CURATORS.

1. The Board of Curators of the Museum, and Library, of the College, shall be constituted of seven Members of the Council.

2. The Museum shall contain the HUNTERIAN COLLECTION, and such Preparations, Specimens, Models, Casts, Manuscripts, Printed-Books, Paintings,

Drawings, Engravings, Chirurgical-Instruments, and other Articles, as may be deemed proper to be placed therein.

3. The Museum, and it's Contents;—and the Library;—shall be under the Care and Direction of the Board of Curators.

SECT. XXVII.

COMMUNICATIONS, and TRANSACTIONS.

1. All Communications, on Subjects relating to Anatomy or Surgery, shall be made to the Board of Curators.

2. A Volume of Anatomical and Chirurgical Communications, to be entitled, "*Transactions of the Royal College of Surgeons in London*," shall be printed, and published, at such Periods as the Board of Curators may judge proper.

3. The Manuscript of any Communication, which may be considered more

proper for Reference in the Library than for Publication in the Transactions, shall be preserved for that Purpose.

SECT. XXVIII.

LECTURES.

1. Lectures on Anatomy, founded by ARRIS and GALE, shall be annually delivered.

2. Twenty-four MUSEUM-LECTURES, shall be annually delivered;—the Subjects of which shall be illustrated by Preparations from the HUNTERIAN COLLECTION, and from the other Contents of the Museum.

SECT. XXIX.

OFFICERS, and SERVANTS.

1. All the Officers, and Servants, of the College, shall hold their respective Offi-

ces, and Places, during the Pleasure of the Council.

2. No Officer, or Servant, of the College, shall receive, directly, or indirectly, any Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, in Money, or otherwise, for, or on Account of, Service done, or to be done, in any Concern of the College; except the Remuneration, which shall be granted, or authorized, by the Council.

3. No Officer, or Servant, of the College shall practise, directly or indirectly, as Principal, or as Agent, for Emolument, or otherwise, any Profession or Vocation whatever: but every Officer, and Servant, shall devote himself wholly to the Discharge of the Duties of his Station.

4. Every Vacancy in the Place of any Officer, or Servant, of the College; shall be declared at the Meeting of the Council when the Vacancy shall be authentically announced.

5. No Election of any Officer, or Servant, shall be, without the previous Notice, of seven or more Days, to each Member of the Council, delivered at his usual Place of Residence.

6. All Elections of Officers, and Servants, shall be by Ballot, or by marking Lists.

7. No Person who is, or has been, a Member of the College, shall be Surety for any Officer, or Servant, of the College.

8. In Case of the Death, or the Insolvency, of any Surety of an Officer, or Servant, of the College; such Officer, or Servant, shall find new Surety.

SECT. XXX.

SECRETARY.

1. No Person who is, or has been, a Member of the College, shall be

Secretary to the College.

2. The Secretary shall take the following Oath:—

"You swear, that you will be a good and faithful Secretary to the Royal College of Surgeons in London; that you will not, by any Means, reveal any of the lawful Secrets thereof: and, that you will duly, diligently, honestly, and obediently, perform the Duties of your Office, to the best of your Knowledge, and Ability:—So HELP YOU GOD."

3. The Secretary to the College shall be Secretary to the Trustees of the HUNTERIAN COLLECTION.

4. The Secretary shall, himself, be bound to the Royal College of Surgeons in London, in the Sum of five hundred Pounds Sterling; and he shall, further, find two satisfactory Sureties, to be bound to the said College, jointly, and separately, in the

Sum of five hundred Pounds; for his Fidelity.

SECT. XXXI.

CONSERVATOR.

1. The Conservator shall take the following Oath:—

"You swear, that you will discharge the Trusts, and Duties, of the Office of Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, with Diligence, Care, and Fidelity, according to the best of your Skill, and to the utmost of your Power:—So HELP YOU GOD."

2. The Conservator shall find such Surety, or Sureties, as the Council may, at any Time, judge proper.

SECT. XXXII.

BEADLE.

1. The Beadle shall take the following Oath:—

"You swear, that you will be a good and faithful Beadle to the Royal College of Surgeons in London; and that you will duly, diligently, honestly, and obediently, perform the Duties of your Office, to the utmost of your Ability:—So HELP YOU GOD."

2. The Beadle shall, himself, be bound to the Royal College of Surgeons in London, in the Sum of two hundred Pounds Sterling; and he shall, further, find two satisfactory Sureties, to be bound to the said College, jointly, and separately, in the Sum of two hundred Pounds; for his Fidelity.

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Bye-Laws,

Of the ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON; by, and at a Meeting of the Council of the said ROYAL COLLEGE, holden, at the College, on the 2nd day of March 1826.

We have examined, and do approve of, and allow these Bye-Laws:—

ELDON, C.
C. ABBOTT.
W. D. BEST.

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